

AUG 22 2006

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)
Application Number 10/611,411 Filed 6/30/2003
For : ELECTRO-SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH REPLACEABLE END-EFFECTORS
AND INHIBITED SURFACE CONDUCTION
Art Unit 3739
Docket Number 17516-9700

This a request under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The applicant hereby requests a one month extension.

If additional time is required please consider this to be a request for an additional extension.

The director is authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number: 503404.

The requested one month extension and fee - \$120



VICTOR OKUMOTO

Registration Number:35973

8/21/06

Date

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE:

IS FACSMILE TRANSMITTED TO THE US: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, at 571-273-8300 ON THE DATE SHOWN BELOW.

ON _____ BY _____
Anne Wilcock

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| 1251/2251 | 1.17(a)(1) | Extension for response within first month | 120.00 | 60.00 |
| 1252/2252 | 1.17(a)(2) | Extension for response within second month | 450.00 | 225.00 |
| 1253/2253 | 1.17(a)(3) | Extension for response within third month | 1,020.00 | 510.00 |
| 1254/2254 | 1.17(a)(4) | Extension for response within fourth month | 1,590.00 | 795.00 |
| 1255/2255 | 1.17(a)(5) | Extension for response within fifth month | 2,160.00 | 1,080.00 |

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